



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 12, 2013

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: Seasonal Employees for the Sheriff's Stadium Detail

Dear Honorable Members:

In 2013 the County, Erie County Stadium Corporation and the Buffalo Bills signed a lease agreement which provides for the use of Ralph Wilson Stadium by the Buffalo Bills for the next ten years.

In order to provide a safe and enjoyable game day experience for the fans, players, employees and others, the County also entered into a new Stadium Security Agreement with the Buffalo Bills. This agreement not only continues the Sheriff's traditional Traffic Control Detail on the roads around the Stadium but will add a new Stadium Detail which provides Deputy Sheriff staffing in and around the Stadium. The County's cost of the additional Stadium Detail will be reimbursed by the Buffalo Bills.

The attached resolution requests authorization to create new Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal and Supervisor Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal positions so as to meet the terms of the agreement.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Division of Budget and Management and or the Office of the Sheriff. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy B. Howard".

Timothy B. Howard
Erie County Sheriff

MCP/jc

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Division of Budget and Management and the Office of Sheriff
Re: Seasonal Employees for the Sheriff's Stadium Detail
Date: June 12, 2013

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization to create 128 new Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal and 18 Supervisor Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal positions so as to meet the terms of the Stadium Security Agreement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

All cost associated with the Stadium Security Detail will be reimbursed by the Buffalo Bills.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The purpose of the new Stadium Security Detail is to provide uniformed Police or Peace Officers within the stadium, entrance gates, and parking lot areas so as to provide a safe, secure and enjoyable game day experience for fans, officials, and employees attending the Buffalo Bills games.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The recent agreement between the Buffalo Bills and the County will not only continue the Sheriff's traditional Traffic Control Detail on the roads around the Stadium but will add a new Stadium Detail which provides a police presence in and around the Stadium which includes parking lots and gate entrances. The agreement which establishes staffing levels and posts is fully reimbursed by the Buffalo Bills. Terms of the agreement provide a reimbursement to the County from the Buffalo Bills of \$36.66 per hour salary for the Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal positions and \$39.01 per hour salary for Supervisor Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal positions. Fringe benefits are also reimbursed.

In order to meet required staffing levels, the Sheriff is authorized to utilize any qualified Sheriff Department employee who will be paid at their overtime rate. This includes Sheriff Division, Holding Center and Correctional Facility staff who meet the criteria for Peace and Police Officers. This expense is also subject to reimbursement by the Buffalo Bills.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this request would jeopardize the safety of fans and employees at the Stadium on game day.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Sheriff's Office will work with the Division of Budget and Management and the Department of Personnel to implement this request.

**A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DIVISION OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE SHERIFF**

RE: Seasonal Reserve Employees for the Sheriff's Stadium Detail

WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has traditionally provided a Traffic Control Detail on the roads surrounding the stadium on Buffalo Bills game days; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Bills have requested an additional, sworn, uniformed police presence inside and around the Stadium in order to provide a safe and secure environment for fans, officials and employees; and

WHEREAS, the Buffalo Bills have agreed to reimburse all costs associated with the Sheriff's Stadium Detail; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff will utilize County Holding Center Deputies and Correctional Facility Corrections Officers along with a seasonal work force of qualified police/peace officers from other jurisdictions to provide the Stadium security.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the creation of 128 Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal positions and 18 Supervisor Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal positions in the 2013 Budget of the Sheriff's Division, (B-100 #7293 and #7294); and be it further

RESOLVED, that as per the agreement with the Buffalo Bills, the hourly rate of pay for the Deputy Sheriff Reserve Seasonal positions will be \$36.66 per hour, and that the hourly rate of pay for the Supervisor Deputy Reserve Seasonal positions shall be established at \$39.01; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2013 Budget for the Sheriff's Division shall be adjusted as follows:

Division of the Sheriff - Fund 110 Fund Center 11510	
Revenue	<u>Increase</u>
421555 - Stadium Reimbursement	\$479,918
Expense	
500030 - Seasonal Wages	\$274,894
501000 - Overtime	80,000
502000 - Fringe Benefits	<u>125,024</u>
Total Expense	\$ 479,918
Net	0

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided to the Division of Budget and Management and the Department of Personnel, working with the Sheriff's Office, to increase the number of seasonal positions, if deemed necessary to meet contractual staffing requirements for the Stadium Detail, provided reimbursement by the Buffalo Bills is available; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution will be forwarded to the County Executive, the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Personnel, the Division of Budget and Management, and to the Office of the Sheriff.